17. Smt. Malvika Singh

18. Shri H.S. Hanspal

Memory sign for site of battle of plassey

1519. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two hundred and fifty years later, the site of the Battle of Plassey waits for a sign of memory as there is nothing else but a plaque set up by the British Government to mark the event;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the tourists who come there look for basic facilities such as eateries, toilets, etc. but return disappointed; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to develop the site?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Product/ Infrastructure Developmen of Circuits/Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are examined as per scheme guidelines and sanctioned on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under the respective head.

Destination Plassey was prioritized for the year 2006-07. However, the project proposal received from the State Government of West Bengal was not as per the guidelines hence, was not sanctioned.

However, an amount of Rs. 2639.45 lakh has been sanctioned in the year 2006-07 for tourism related projects for the State of West Bengal.

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1520. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state: